

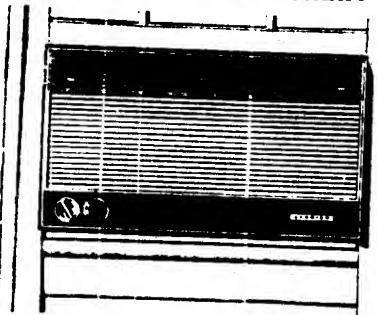
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## South Vietnam Island Converted To a Base for Sea Watch on Reds

U.S. Aiding Saigon to Set Up  
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Flow From Cambodia

By HOMER BIGART

Special to The New York Times  
DUONGDONG, Vietnam, April 12.—With United States help, South Vietnam is converting Phuquoc Island into a base for naval units blocking Viet Cong infiltration from Cambodia.

United States naval advisers here will soon be stationed on this lonely island in the Gulf of Thailand opposite the main Cambodian port of Kampuchea.

Rolling in a state of gray sea off the sleepy town of Duongdong today was a United States destroyer escort. She had been helping Vietnamese units patrol the western sea frontier since she started late in February to assist the southwest coast provinces from Cambodian infiltration of junks from Cambodian ports of Kampong Speu and Kampong Chhnang.

Capt. Joseph B. Druecking of Monterey, Calif., senior naval adviser of the United States military aid mission, flew from Saigon to inspect the port facilities.

Explaining the role of the United States ships, he said they were under strict orders not to shoot unless attacked and that no one has been shot. He said they also had orders not to interfere with junks but to summon Vietnamese naval forces to do the boarding and searching.

Their main contribution to the United States, he said, is to provide radar detection, coordinate patrols, advise and improve Viet Cong course. About 400 residents of the island, of whom half are Communists, were ordered to leave.

Like the mainland, Phuquoc has a growing seafaring problem.

The Communists' position in the northern part of the island, far from Cambodia, is only fifteen minutes by motorized bank from the northwest tip of the island to two islands held by South Vietnam, which were seized by Cambodia in 1954.

Vietnamese officials said today that the two islands were being used as training and rest centers for the Viet Cong guerrillas and that a supply of the junks carried them from Viet Cong who had been and forth. The Vietnamese said they had two ships to patrol the north coast of Phuquoc.

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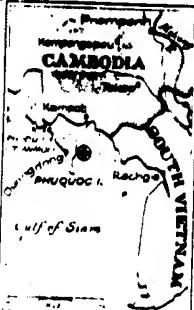
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Senate Armed Services Committee earlier this year. At that time Mr. McCone made public a Presidential letter that instructed him, in effect, to delineate routine administration in U.P.D. John A. McNamee told a be free to coordinate the Government sub-committee today how comment's intelligence data, since becoming director, he had reorganized the Central Intelligence Agency under a directive from President Kennedy.

Mr. McCone testified at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee on the U.S. It is in his country and Ghana will members of the Armed Services Committee, including the chairman, Senator Ben Kithada, President Kwame Nkrumah, and Mr. McCone, a group of men, including himself, have been working on ways to help Africa. A message from Mr. Ben Kithada to President Kwame Nkrumah, who has been invited to the Berlin Conference, has been sent to him.

Mr. McCone had been invited to the Copenhagen, Denmark, April 12, to attend a meeting of the Danes to Cut Smoking Ads. The meeting had been organized by Mr. McCone, who had been invited by the chairman of C.I.A. A change in C.I.A. responsibilities, which indicated reports attributing the increase when Mr. McCone was appointed to the former sources said.



A naval base will be built on Phuquoc Island (center).

Guerrillas always sent up smoke signals when they supply guerrilla forces. Other United States destroyers have not ventured into the South China Sea near the waters between the South China Sea and Cambodia because of sharks and a desire to avoid international incidents.

## Guerrillas Poorly Armed

According to the Vietnamese director of the National Army, the 11th Viet Cong guerrilla force in Phuquoc. He said about four thousand guerrillas were armed with good rifles and thirty had crude shotguns. They also had homemade grenades and mines, he said.

Opposing the Viet Cong there is a company of regular and some Civil Guard and soldiers.

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